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Adrianne Todman, Executive Director

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Dear Resident:

I am writing to update you regarding the most recent Barry Farm redevelopment meeting hosted by the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA). As you know, Barry Farm and Wade Apartments were selected as a New Community Initiative in 2006 by the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic (DMPED). In 2012 DCHA received a CHOICE Planning Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Based on this 2012 decision, DCHA received additional funding to continue the planning process for the redevelopment of Barry Farm and Wade Apartments.

As part of the redevelopment process, the Barry Farm Resident Council asked DCHA to host a community forum for the residents of Barry Farm and the Wade Apartments. This community forum was scheduled for on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 6:00pm in the auditorium at the Excel Academy Public Charter School. One of the purposes of this meeting was to update the community as well as introduce the development companies who are competing to become the Master Developer of the Barry Farm project.

On the day of the meeting, many Barry Farm residents came to hear the presentations. Unfortunately, shortly after the meeting started, a small group of protestors, some of whom were not residents of Barry Farm, disrupted the proceedings after which we were unable to continue. The meeting ended prematurely and without allowing for the introductions; the sharing of information and before any questions could be asked and answered. We will reschedule the meeting in the near future, as it is the desire for all of us at DCHA to fully share information regarding this redevelopment process with the Barry Farm and Wade Apartments residents.

DCHA and DMPED remain committed to a process that is both transparent to and inclusive of our residents at Barry Farm and Wade Apartments. We will continue to work with the Barry Farm Resident Council, the residents of Wade Apartments and with the larger community to completely enable this redevelopment exercise.

Our commitment to the process of redeveloping Barry Farm and Wade Apartments remains strong. Please look forward to receiving information about future meetings and do plan to attend!

Sincerely

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